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In re the application of:

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Group Art Unit: 1764

Examiner: H. T. Tran

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 21, 2003**

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 21, 2003

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 21, 2003.

Please amend the application as directed below and consider the remarks that follow.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, first line, amend the reference to related applications to read as follows:

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